

## **Young researchers urged to use digital information resources of ICAR**

Kochi, Dec 15: A training-cum-awareness workshop on Consortium of e-Resources in Agriculture (CeRA) has called for promoting ICT-driven technology and information dissemination systems to improve agricultural research in the country.

Keeping pace with the current knowledge diffusion trends, new-generation researchers should come forward to utilise the digital knowledge resources maintained by the ICAR, the workshop proposed. The workshop was held at the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) to create awareness in using CeRA on J-Gate platform.

An ICT-driven initiative by ICAR, CeRA is a consortia mode of journal subscription and electronic information services, which help in saving resources by avoiding duplication in journal subscription by various agricultural research institutes and universities under the National Agricultural Research System.

Addressing librarians and research scholars, S. K. Singh, Project Director of the Directorate of Knowledge Management in Agriculture of ICAR, said CeRA, the digital knowledge consortium, would help upscale the existing R&D information resource base of ICAR research institutions and agricultural universities. This would help improve the quality of scientific publications, research and teaching, he added. Librarians representing the ICAR research institutes and agricultural universities located in Andhra Pradesh, Telengana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala attended the workshop.